(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the Government's reaction thereto and the necessary steps being taken by the Central Board of Secondary Education to make the high school and Intermediate examinations easier?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) As per information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the overall pass percentage in the High School (class X) examination conducted by the Board in 2000-2001 has been 66.6%. There has been an increase of 1.2% in the overall pass percentage as compared to the last year. Information regarding pass percentage of candidates belonging to different categories of schools is given below:—

Kendriya Vidyalayas	81.0
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	87.0
Govt. Schools	38.9
Govt. aided Schools	51.3
Independent Schools	85.4
Private/Patrachar candidates	26.7

1,04,158 candidates were placed in the compartment out of the total 4,86,718 candidates who appeared in the class X Examination. The low pass percentage of students belonging to Govt. schools is largely the responsibility of the concerned State Govt./UT. The CBSE has taken various measures such as development, publication and use of sample question papers & detailed marking schemes, and orientation/training of teachers & examiners so as to make the examination system a valid and reliable measure of pupil's educational achievement.

Unrecognised foreign educational institutions

†4352. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan dated 26th May, 2001 under the caption "Videshi Sikshan Sansthano Ko Manyata Lena Zuroori";

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of foreign educational institutions granted recognition by the U.G.C., so far;

(c) the number of foreign educational institutions functioning without any recognition; and

(d) the necessary action taken by Government so far against such unrecognised educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently framed draft Regulations for regulating and rationalizing the operation of foreign universities in India. These Regulations are under consideration of the Government.

Quality of education in management institutions

4353. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report on the status of management education has revealed that except a few, the majority of management institutions in India are playing fraud on their students;

(b) whether it is a fact that apart from some 10 per cent institutions that paid special attention towards upgrading their programmes, the majority offered a sub-standard quality of education;

(c) what are the other points revealed in the report which was submitted to the Union Minister in May, 2001; and

(d) the details of action being considered to implement the suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (d) Report of the Committee on Policy Perspectives on Management Education has been received. After due deliberations and consultations, action as may be necessary, would be initiated.